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In re Patent Application of:

Errico et al.

Application No.: 10/642,529

Filed: August 15, 2003

For: INTERVERTEBRAL SPACER DEVICE
HAVING A CIRCUMFERENTIALLY
BURIED WIRE MESH ENDPLATE
ATTACHMENT DEVICE

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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated
November 3, 2009, finally rejecting claims **21,23-27,29, and 30.**
Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as
follows: